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PCT Publication No. WO/92/18193 discloses an indwelling vein cannula having a cannula body (2) with a flexible section (11) as seen in Figures 4 and 5. Canadian Patent Publication No. 2,085,978 is believed to be an English equivalent of WO/92/18193.

German Patent Publication No. 39 07 549 appears to disclose an electrical cord (20) having a plurality of impressions (22).

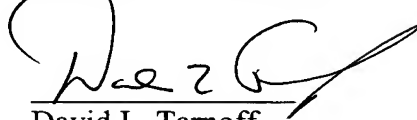
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French Patent Publication Number 1,290,933 appears to disclose a flexible electrical cord as seen in Figures 1-4.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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